

Higher education plan comes under heavy criticism

by Mona Thorne

The master plan for higher education developed by the La. Board of Regents came under heavy criticism during a public hearing held recently in the Shreveport City Council chambers.

Of the 33 speakers at the hearing, 20 were critical of the plan. Some of their major concerns were the changing status of the predominantly black schools, offering graduate courses at LSUS, and the proposed selective admissions at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge (LSUBR).

The master plan is a proposal for the future management and coordination of all state universities and colleges. The emphasis of many of the studies included in the plan shows the projected decline of college enrollments. Dr. Donald E. Shipp, LSUS Chancellor, noted that "an overall stable, slightly declining enrollment . . ." was expected in the next few years. Therefore, the key to the master plan is "change rather than expansion."

The vehicle of change would

be coordinated planning of curriculum to avoid duplication of schools serving the same areas. There would be no significant growth of graduate programs but increased vocational training programs in many smaller colleges.

Representatives of the predominantly black universities, Grambling and Southern, are against the plan, fearing it will destroy their schools and traditions. Saying they are specially geared to the black student, these leaders wish to have several revisions of the plan included in the final draft before it is approved.

Rather than each university developing their own graduate programs, there is proposed a consortium of area schools. The consortium in this area would include LSUS, Northwestern State University and Louisiana Tech. At the hearing Chancellor Shipp offered LSUS's facilities to the board members in the hopes of beginning with masters programs in Business and Education. When interviewed Chancellor Shipp said, "I think we will get graduate programs

approved next year." The plan states, "no other public institution will provide graduate education in the area in competition with the consortium."

LSUBR is designated the only "comprehensive university" in the state and it is suggested they begin selective admissions. Some speakers at the hearing said they felt this was discriminatory and preferred status quo. Dr. Shipp said he felt that some of these people are "waving a red flag." According to the Chancellor the plan won't radically change any of the other schools . . . He said it would raise the academic standards and alleviate the present high freshman dropout rate. The selective admissions at LSUSBR will not affect the student body of LSUS at all, according to Chancellor Shipp. He said the Board of Regents is "not trying to make 2nd class schools of the other universities."

Another public hearing was held in Baton Rouge earlier this week. The final draft of the master plan is expected to be completed later this fall.



Dr. Donald E. Shipp, chancellor, contemplates the issues of the recent discussion of the master plan. (Photo: Denise Allen)

Students elect new SGA senate

LSUS students elected 25 senators and put five students in a runoff by secret ballot Monday and Tuesday.

Lynn Catell, Charles Day, Tony Birmingham, Evelyn Henry and Stephen Luster will be in a runoff for three senate seats representing the

College of Sciences. The date for the runoff will be finalized by the Election Board but is tentatively set for Sept. 26 and 27, according to SGA Vice President David Harmon.

Voter turnout was typically light, with only 153 ballots being cast.

Beth Evans and Bobby Shaw were elected from Liberal Arts.

Terri Dunn, Sherry McCall and Penni Ratte will represent Education.

John Womack, Kathy Gaither, Kay Butler, Thomas Deville and Kathy Crane were chosen in Business.

Janice Leatherwood, Kevin Longino, Ruth Poole and Kerry Smith will represent General Studies.

Kelly Adams, Michael Birmingham, Vickie Cobb, Wanda Coe, Joey Emig, Frank Granger, Randy Hanaker, June Harriss, James Hytt, Michael Jamison, and Gail Overmyer are senators-at-large.

Student loan defaults may soon be \$1 billion

by Sam Moore

In almost 20 years, over 15 million students have received federal loans for college study. Over 10 per cent of these loans have not been repaid. But according to Edgar Chase, financial aid officer at LSUS, the situation is not as bad as it seems.

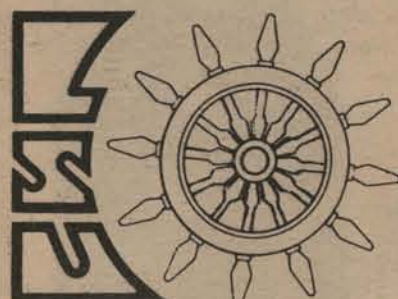
The National Defense Education Act of 1958 initiated the student loan program. Since then, the default rate for the loans has increased steadily. The cumulative total may soon reach \$1 billion.

ACCORDING TO Chase, these results are actually good, compared to the one per cent default rate of commercial loans. "Almost all of our loans are based on good faith," he stated. "We are loaning to the highest risk possible. If we asked for a credit rating from the students, that would eliminate about 90 per cent of them."

Two types of loans are available for students. The first is the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL). The actual loan is obtained from a bank or credit union, with school verification. The second type is the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL). Federal guidelines are followed. These loans are given, based on financial need. Eligibility is determined by each school's financial aid officer.

LSUS IS trying to make sure that graduating students know that they are obligated to repay their loans, according to Chase. Before the student leaves, he has an exit interview with someone in the business office. A repayment schedule is set up at this time. Afterward a consistent follow-through is kept on billing the student.

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LSU Board of Supervisors committee okays moving Caspiana 'Big House'

by John Riddle

LSUS came a step closer last week to having Caspiana "Big House" moved to the campus when a Board of Supervisors committee approved the plan, according to Dr. John W. Hall, associate professor of history and Social Sciences Department chairman.

Final approval must still come from the full Board of Supervisors and LSU President Martin D. Woodin.

"OUR HANDS are pretty well tied until we get the final approval, which I'm sure we will get," said Hall. He described the project to move the house as being "in the red tape phase." Hall expects approval at the next Board of Supervisors meeting in a few weeks.

Hall said the approximate \$10,000 needed to move the Caspiana House from south of LSUS on La. 1 and set it up near the new asphalt parking lot, has been collected from private sources. The largest single contribution was made by the Junior League, which gave \$7,500, he said.

Hall said the move is part of a three-year plan designed to make the house "a center for pioneer heritage and folklife." After the house is moved, Hall said, the sides and roof must be restored to

make it safe and protect it from vandalism, at a cost of about \$5,000. Another \$15,000 is needed to restore the inside of the house to its original condition, he said. About \$15,000 more is needed to landscape around the house, Hall said.

"IT'S FRUSTRATING at this point because until we get the house here, it's difficult to get more money," Hall said. He added that he is confident of raising the rest of the needed money once the house is moved to the campus.

All funds spent on Caspiana "Big House" must come from private sources. Although no groups would provide matching funds for moving the house, Hall said some groups such as the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities may provide matching funds for programs in the house.

THE HOUSE "will be open to the public as well as to the university," Hall said. He said the "Big House" will be used for classroom instruction in such subjects as art, folklore and historical preservation, and for receptions and club meetings.

Donations are tax-deductible and may be made to "Friends for Caspiana House."

Tutorial help given to veterans by VA

If you're a veteran and about to throw your slide-rule away in disgust, don't. Tutorial help is available through the Veteran's Administration.

This special program does not affect GI Bill payments. It is available to eligible veterans who are enrolled at LSUS in an undergraduate degree program on a half-time or more basis; and who need help in a subject required for that degree.

Those eligible can receive up to \$65 per month up to a maximum of \$780 for this help, providing that the tutor chosen is qualified and approved by the chairman of the department involved.

Interested veterans may contact one of the following persons for details and assistance: Walt Murphy, Bronson Hall, Room 144, ext. 310; Phyllis Graham, Science Building, Room 116, ext. 202; or Ed Sanders, Bronson Hall, Room 259, ext. 249.

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Master Plan makes sense

The master plan for higher education appears to be a master stroke at encouraging misunderstandings, regional rivalries and emotional responses.

This lengthy document (it looks like a book) contains so much information it is easy to misinterpret the facts and suggestions presented. Underneath its bulk the master plan is a well-researched comprehensive study of higher education in Louisiana that gives suggestions about the management of state schools in the future.

Black leaders from Grambling College and Southern University have been highly critical of the plan. Some of their suggested revisions might be helpful in clearing up vague passages but charges of deliberate discrimination are unfounded. The plan emphasizes the projected decline of student enrollments nationwide. "Change rather than expansion" is the rule for all public institutions not only black ones.

The idea of coordinated curriculum planning would be beneficial in that universities serving the same area could stop competing for students. They could work on the quality of their classes rather than the quantity of students in them.

Graduate programs are subjects of particular interest to those at LSUS. After several years of requesting a program for masters degrees from here the advent of the consortium would lend added assurance to the aspiration. Chancellor Donald E. Shipp sounded optimistic as he said, "I feel sure our masters program will be approved in the near future." Although the plan does not designate LSUS specifically, this campus is mentioned several times and seems the logical choice.

The suggestion of selective admissions at LSUBR has been met with a great deal of criticism. Raising the academic standards of the state's largest university sounds like a good idea. Since they have a large freshman drop out rate, the plan would decrease the freshman class allowing the most capable to continue. One wonders at the quality of education given to a student in a course with 200 people enrolled. In this case a reduction of students would be a welcomed change.

One passage within this section, left unexplained, seems to leave some important questions unanswered. It states that, in regard to selective admissions, that a "small specific number of spaces for those students who do not meet all the admissions but demonstrate potential for success by other criteria?" What criteria? Who are the

students, minorities or athletes? Ambiguous statements such as this must be made clear before final passage.

The Board of Regents master plan offers a way to economically manage Louisiana universities and turn out qualified graduates. With some revision this document could become an effective statement on higher education.

Campus Survey

What is your opinion of the master plan for higher education proposed by the La. Board of Regents?



Beverly Barnes, Soph. Fine Arts. "I would like them to establish a master's program at LSUS, but if not, then it's better than nothing."



Stuart Pitts Sr., Chemistry. "I think we should have a group master's program, because it's a waste of materials and resources for individual schools to have their own masters' programs."



Jimmy Davis, Fr. Architecture. "I think it would be quite nice to have one here. I don't want to switch schools and have to make all new friends."



Curtistine Earnest, Sr. Education. "I think it would be beneficial to have master's degree program here, but I don't think it should be confined to one school."



Tom Friman, Jr., Pre-Med. "I don't really agree with putting the master's degree program into one school because everyone can't go to the same college. If they put it at LSUS, then fine. People should have a choice of what college they attend."

Student attitudes reflect teacher

by Carla Harper

Why do some students semester after semester sit dull and unattentive through class, classes which are, simply stated, boring?

Sometimes the reason lies in the fact that the student is just not interested in the course or the subject and does not choose to learn anything about it. He prefers to spend his class time daydreaming.

But on many occasions the fault is not on the part of the student. The simple truth is that the instructor is not interested in the course he is teaching and this causes the student's lack of interest. The student's attitude in most instances is just a reflection of the instructor's. In many instances it seems that the instructor and the course to which he is assigned is totally mismatched.

It would appear that the answer lies in the teacher's right to refuse to instruct a course in which he or she is totally disinterested, although qualified to do so. Qualification should not be the only consideration in

selecting instructors for courses as enthusiasm should also play a part.

Although this may appear to be a minor source of irritation to the administration, an in-depth study of this problem may reveal that this is a major

reason that students fail subjects, drop out, or skim through with only a mediocre education.

How can a student be expected to be so eager to learn when it's so obvious that the instructor is not so eager to teach? Boredom is contagious.

Philosophical Reflections Concerning desires and happiness

Dr. D. G. Sanderson

The Buddhist Way—Desires cause suffering. To be happy one must do away with suffering. To prevent the effect one must eliminate the cause. Desires ought to be eliminated.

The Greek Way — Desires are insatiable and lead to intemperance. Happiness is to be found in moderation. Moderation is achieved through the exercise of reason. Desires ought to be controlled by reason.

The Christian Way — Desires have become perverted and thereby lead to sin. Happiness is to be found in union with God. Union with God can only be achieved by being redeemed from sin. Perverted desires ought to be overcome with God's help.

The American Way — Desires are a natural part of our being. They are there to be satisfied. Happiness comes from immediate, continual and prolonged gratification of desires. Satisfy thyself! Is there a true way?

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★ Loan

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If the loan is not being paid after 120 days, the school turns the matter over to the Louisiana Attorney General's office. If it still cannot be collected, a law

suit may be filed, upon the approval of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

According to Chase, the default situation has gotten worse, but is still too early to tell any real trend. "Our program is so young, it will be another year or two before we can tell anything," he said,

NORMALLY, LOANS are based on a full school year, beginning with the fall semester. Loans are also made for one semester only. The lender determines the actual amount of the loan.

Despite the national default rate, Chase feels that the student loan program is good. "The whole philosophy of the student loan programs is to provide for the student who has no collateral to obtain an education."



Oral history reports

Archives given manuscripts

by Ken Sperandio
Special to the Almagest

Often there are no letters or written records about recent historical issues—resulting in fewer and fewer written records for historians to rely upon.

So that a record of events may be preserved, planned tape-recorded interviews are held with people involved in key decision-making events. Their

words are then transcribed with the resulting manuscripts being placed in the LSUS Archives.

Eight to ten of these manuscripts will be made available for research later this semester, according to Hubert

Humphreys, professor of history and director of the oral history project.

Three of the people whose interviews will be available are: Don Ewing, former editor of the Shreveport times; Frank Fulco, former state representative and

Carl Jones, who worked up from a roughneck in the oil fields in 1915 to become a successful oil producer.

The pilot oral history project was begun, according to Humphreys, because work on the Archives revealed a lack of

printed material available about this area's history.

The purpose of the project, financed by the Shreveport-Bossier Foundation, is to preserve significant aspects of

Northwest Louisiana history, folklore and folk culture.

Much of our history survives only in the memories of some of our older residents and the oral

history program attempts to record and preserve this knowledge for future generations before it is lost forever.

Local loan executive will teach real estate course

Don Valliere, vice president of Pioneer Mortgage Corporation, will be special lecturer for a Real Estate Salesman's Short Course to be offered at LSUS starting Oct. 3, a spokesman said today.

John Powell, director of Conferences and Institutes, said the course will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and will last until Nov. 9.

"LSUS IS especially pleased to include Mr. Valliere as a special lecturer because of his widely recognized ability in the field of real estate," Powell said.

The curriculum to be offered in the course is that required by the Department of Occupational Standards and the Louisiana Real Estate Commission in accordance with Act 709 of 1972, Powell said.

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by Phil Frank



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For LSUS seminar students

England brightens summer

by VERNE FOSS
Special to the Almagest

"Oh, to be in England again . . ." The opening line from Browning's "Home-Thoughts, from Abroad" has acquired new meaning for LSUS students who participated in the Summer Seminar Program at The Queen's College, Oxford, England.

The first few days were spent in typical tourist fashion, seeing such sights as the Tower of

London, Windsor Castle, Trafalgar Square, and Madame Tussaud's. Then the realization came that practically every road and building throughout England was a part of history — just as much as the more well-known attractions.

THE PANORAMA of British history began with the Celts. Romans, Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Normans all occupied the country at various times, each leaving some reminder of their

presence. From Hadrian's Wall in the north to the chalk cliffs of Dover, the nation is steeped in antiquity.

Even the classic 18th-century facade of The Queen's College, with the cupolaed statue of Queen Caroline over the entrance-way and Magdalen Tower further along the "High" were viewed as viable, utilitarian structures rich in tradition, rather than merely as monuments to another age.

MANY FELT an enrichment by attending Anglican services, from those held at the impressive St. Paul's Cathedral in London, to the smaller churches about the countryside. Janet Foss, a senior journalism major, recalled a wedding at St. David's on the Welsh coast. "Hearing the choir, singing in Gaelic, gave a new dimension to the ceremony. The old church with its high oak ceiling typified the ideal setting for a wedding."

Another visitor to Wales, Dr. Lillian Hall, associate professor of communications at LSUS, was impressed by a reading of Milton's "Paradise Lost" by a college group over a local Welsh radio station.

Other students, preferring the urban delights, found dining to be an adventure in London's many restaurants. In keeping with London's international image, they offer a variety of cuisines, from the ubiquitous fish and chips to highly seasoned Indian curry.

FOR THEATER-GOERS, an equal selection existed in dramatic fare. Marilyn Gibson, assistant professor of English, now living in London, commented that she had seen 27 different plays in 24 days during her stay in England during the summer of 1975.

Browsing through Blackwell's, the immense book store in Oxford, and the Bodleian Library, one of the largest in the world, was also a unique experience.

Some braved the right-hand driving style of English roads and found it a challenge, particularly since they are not as well marked as their American counterparts. One trio, in search of Woburn Abbey, the estate of the Duke of Bedford now open as a park, spent hours crisscrossing their route until they stopped a Constable and asked directions. "Don't go to Woburn Abbey," replied the Constable, "it's tacky." Later, they agreed that he may have been right.

Whatever his interest, each student came away with his own particular memories of a land rich in so many ways . . . of that summer in England.

Incomplete sentences and misspelled words can only detract from a book.

Freshman puts sting on fellow tennis students

by DYANN MILLER
Special to the Almagest

A transfer freshman new to LSUS received a thrill when he managed to deceive his fellow students by pretending that he was the instructor.

Lee Lemoine, enrolled in general studies, strolled into his tennis class the first day that it met. He dropped his books on the professor's desk and announced, "Let's introduce ourselves."

The students stood up one by one giving their names and other incidents of interest. About the fifth student stood up and Lemoine had to let out in a gust of laughter, "I'm not even the teacher."

Surprised looks were on the students' faces, but someone managed to blurt out, "I thought you looked too young to be an instructor."

Lemoine later admitted that he had learned this trick from an upper classman while attending Northeast University in Monroe.

'Caldo Largo' sinks

by DON WAITT

Not so.

After reading Earl Thompson's excellent novels, "Tattoo" and "A Garden of Sand," one would expect his latest book to be of as good quality, possibly better.

JOHNNY HAND—"Korean War veteran, shrimpboat skipper and outrageous womanizer"—is asked to captain his boat on a gun run to Cuba where Castro is planning his triumphant drive to Havana.

A good plot idea, but unfortunately Hand doesn't get around to the gun run until the last sixth of the book and the preceding portion is aimless rambling.

A few steamy scenes with a Mexican nymphomaniac, Lupe Contreras, and drinking excursions with fellow fishermen suffice as entrees but the main course is noticeably missing.

THOMPSON HAS held a variety of manual jobs and he writes well of the hard life, of men using their hands to make a living.

But "Caldo Largo" just isn't up to snuff. Part of the blame can be placed on the publishers for not tightening up the novel and editing it more closely.

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Zeta Tau Alpha

The Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae of Shreveport honored the new pledges of Eta Omega at LSUS and Beta Iota at Centenary recently with an ice cream social at the home of Mrs. Paul Cooke. Zetas will also participate in Operation Clean Sweep and will clean up the area from the Shreveport-Barksdale bridge to East Kings Highway and to the duck pond.

Kappa Alpha

The following were recently inducted by Kappa Alpha: Rick Hamlin, Allen Kimmell, Steve Lester, Ted Malant, and John Voss. The following pledge class officers were elected: Chris Smith, president; David Day, vice-president; and Stan Gorham, secretary-treasurer. This weekend the Delta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order is planning an overnight campout at Lake Bistineau.

Delta Sigma Phi

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity will host a chapter-alumni dinner tonight at 6:30 at Morrison's Cafeteria. The featured speaker will be International President Lee Dueringer. Afterwards there will be a ripsnorter at the Nest Apartments Clubhouse for friends of the fraternity at 9 p.m. It will be BYOL and a disco band will be provided.

Alpha Phi

Epsilon Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi is proud to welcome its three new pledges: Susan Bourgue, Maria Dalton, and Patti McFarlan. Susan's formal pledging was held Sunday followed by a party.

The chapter football team, "Phis and Friends" won their scrimmage game last week by a 6-0 score.

Alpha Phi will participate in the Red River Revel to be sponsored by the Junior League.

Activity director sought— for 7-foot boa constrictor

by Jodie Cook
Special to the Almagest

The title sounds impressive: Activity director. Duties seem simple: Supervising a 7-year-old's outdoor exercises several times a week. Yet, "There aren't many students around who are interested in the job," said Dr. Laurence M. Hardy, associate professor of biological sciences.

One look at the "7-year-old" provides reason for disinterest in this particular job. Slim is a 7-foot boa constrictor housed in the Museum of Life Sciences. His frequent appearances on campus last year have not been resumed this semester because Slim is more than most students care to or are qualified to handle.

GETTING SLIM from the museum to the grass in front of the Science Building calls for the buddy-system. "It requires two people to get him out of the cage," Dr. Hardy said. "One to hold him and one to coax him out of the tree limb." Fear of being dropped causes Slim to cling to a sturdy green painted branch stretched across his 4-foot-3 cage.

Once outside his cage Slim becomes cooperative. He is willing to loosely drape himself around his carrier's body to insure easy transporting. His closeness presents no danger to the experienced handler. "If a human were teasing Slim, he would bite in self-defense, but not coil around him," Dr. Hardy said.

Slim is nonvenomous and fangless, but has plenty of needle-like teeth. "All boas and

pythons have fairly large teeth, as snakes go," said Dr. Hardy. He assures that Slim's bite would feel like rubbing a hand against a blackberry vine.

BOAS ARE closely related to pythons, but differ by bearing live young. Averaging 15-18 inches at birth, boa constrictors grow approximately 10 inches a year and seldom exceed 12 feet. Dr. Hardy believes a life span of 15-20 years is probably normal for tamed boa constrictors. "The oldest one in captivity is 25," he said.

Slim crawls slowly. Humans can easily outrun him. Dr. Hardy said, "The fastest recorded snake time is five miles an hour."

Slim's diet consists of "one adult rat a week and a continuous water supply," Dr. Hardy said. Fresh water is kept in a bowl on the floor of his cage. A well-rounded girth suggests the name "Slim" is a play-on-words.

A geometric pattern decorates Slim's body in a series of oval and irregular designs. Jet-black, pale yellow, several shades of brown and rusty-red provide colorful contrasts against his tan background.

COLORING AND size make Slim a star attraction for area students. Dr. Hardy said that last year twenty-five school groups from kindergarten through college toured the museum. Before tours became popular, Slim went along with Dr. Hardy when he spoke to various schools. "Slim traveled in a large pillowcase," Dr. Hardy said.

Slim was donated by a former student. Bought at a pet shop, he "outgrew" his welcome at home in two years. He has been at LSUS for five years. Dr. Hardy said the same size boa constrictor sells for \$100.

Slim is displayed in the museum during school hours. He also makes an annual appearance as an attraction for the Biology exhibits during State Fair. And maybe a courageous student will bring Slim outside to exercise soon.

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Reports on local crime: Have they increased?

by Don Waitt

You read your newspaper the first week of this month, September. So did the Caddo-Bossier Parish people in 1927, 50 years ago, and in 1877, a century ago. Was there more local crime reported in your paper over that week in 1977 than in the papers of 1927 and 1877?

Most people would have to answer "yes," thinking of the recent slew of child abuse cases, sniper attacks, the death wish of Gary Gilmore, Son of Sam's atrocities and other national crimes that have been splashed across the front page of their newspaper.

BUT IT'S the smaller stories in the back pages of the paper where the local and area crimes are printed.

Again, most people would probably answer "yes" thinking of the arrest and death of George D'Artois, the recent child murders of Cynthia Tew and John David Fraley and the many robberies and burglaries that occur daily.

Just what crimes did occur in Caddo-Bossier Parish over the first week of September, 1977, and were printed in The Shreveport Times?

A SHREVEPORT woman, 20, and a Shreveport man, 26, were booked on separate charges of pot possession. Four men were arrested on burglary charges, one aggravated, and a suspect was sought in a supermarket robbery.

The cause of death was still undetermined for a rape suspect; a man was held in the possible homicide of his wife; a Shreveport officer was named in a damage suit and a Texan pleaded guilty here to possession of stolen mail.

A rehearing was sought in a housing program fraud, 55 loitering cases were postponed

Policeman named in damage suit

Man held in death of wife

2 booked

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and a Shreveport lounge and a service station were robbed.

THE WEEK finished with a crop duster being fired at with a large caliber rifle.

These were the crimes or aftermaths of crimes from one week's time in 1977. What about 50 years ago? Were there even half as many crimes as there are now?

Over the same time period in 1927 in Caddo-Bossier Parish there were three times as many crimes reported in The Shreveport Times than in 1977.

THERE WERE three burglary arrests; four men were robbed at gunpoint; a 68-year-old farmer was shot twice over a crop dispute; two women were jailed on a narcotics charge and an alleged Navy deserter, L.C. Wilson, was held on a theft charge. Three liquor raids netted five lawbreakers, 400 bottles of home brew and several gallons of corn whiskey. The Chamber of Commerce opposed the dog races at the

Jewella Kennel Club; a woman had acid thrown in her face by an unknown white man; a black man, Robert Allen, was sentenced to eight years in the state pen for burglary, and the death of 70-year-old Ann Hardin uncovered an illegal marriage. Shreveport police recovered three of five stolen cars, a Texas Oil Company safe was blown up, and an Ouachita man was killed while hunting.

A Shreveport woman called police about her son who had been missing for six weeks; two men were arrested for molesting two Shreveport women; a black woman was

WOMAN'S THROAT CUT

AGED FARMER SHOT TWICE

Officers Raid Barbecue Stand

1927 headlines

found in Black Bayou; four men were arrested on separate assault charges and a stolen car was removed from 12-Mile Bayou.

THESE CRIMES all occurred within one week's time and were reported in The Shreveport Times—roughly three times more than were printed in the 1977 papers. The newspapers in 1927 had only half as many pages as those of 1977 but printed or carried three times as many stories on local crime.

So if you answered "yes," thinking you read about more local crime in last week's paper than 50 years ago, you answered wrong.

Well then, what about The Shreveport Times issues for that week a century ago in 1877?

PROPORTIONATELY the papers in 1877 also had more local crime printed in them than in the issues today. The Times in 1877 usually ran about eight local stories per issue and two of the stories were about local crimes, making 25 per cent of the Caddo-Bossier Parish news, crime news, compared to about 10 per cent in the 1977 editions.

The first week in September in 1877, a century ago, saw these local crimes printed in The Shreveport Times: A man convicted of murdering his young stepson was apprehended after a jailbreak; a black man

and woman were hanged for murdering the woman's

A Negro Hung.

THE ASSAULT

UPON DR. GOODMAN.

Henry

Nicholson Hanged.

1877 headlines

husband, Dr. W. J. Goodman was attacked and stabbed by a drunk, and the Rev. R.H. Taliaferro died of self-inflicted wounds.

An Indian agent was shot and killed by a young Indian; Morris Hoffman, charged with horse stealing, escaped from jail after knocking out Sheriff Heffner, and a team of burglars struck the town three times. A black man was hanged for rape and a white man for the murder of a Jewish peddler.

IN ALL THREE time periods—in proportion to the size of the newspaper—the 1977 issues had the least amount of stories on crime in Caddo-Bossier Parish.

Why was more local crime printed in earlier newspapers?

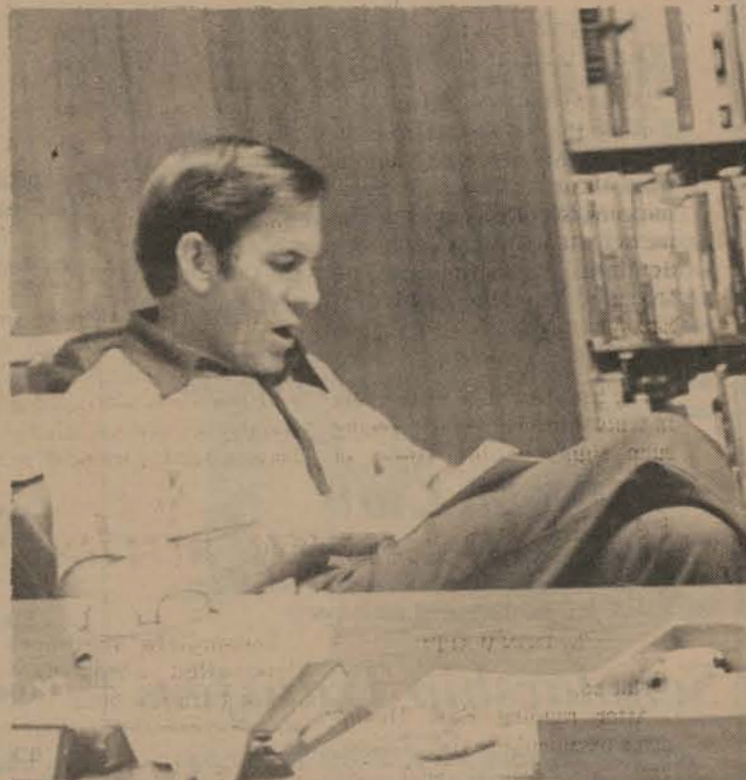
"First, I don't think the decrease in local crime reporting has been only with the Times. I think most newspapers are getting away from it," says Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of the department of Communications at LSU.

"Back in the '20's and to a degree the late 1800's the newspapers weren't concerned with the goodness of man. Man's inhumanity to man was big news. The people weren't as educated as they are today and didn't want to hear about foreign policy or White House protocol. They were rural people and wanted to hear local news about their neighbors," says Dr. Cloud.

"NEWSPAPERS didn't have the facilities for acquiring news that they have today and so the papers were filled more with local happenings and if the news happened to be about a hanging or a murder, well, so much the better," continues Dr. Cloud.

In the 1877 and 1977 issues more blacks and some Indians were in the news for crimes—almost a four-to-one ratio than whites.

"In every community there is



Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of the Communications Department, says newspapers today are more selective in what they print, in regards to both local and national news, than earlier newspapers.

a group of scapegoats. Fifty to a hundred years ago in Caddo-Bossier Parish if a white man beat his wife, it was considered a family matter, but if a black man did the same, he'd be arrested. This gave a disproportionate view of the crime rate and the ratio of black to white criminals since many whites weren't charged and so didn't make the newspaper," Dr. Cloud says.

THE STORIES in the 1877 issues were short and to the point: One complete story read, "Henry Nicholdos was hanged here today, protesting his innocence of the murder of Marcus Young, the Jew peddler."

The stories in the 1927 issues were longer and dwelled on descriptive, irrelevant—but interesting (to the readers)—details: "One of the bullets took effect in Wilson's left chest while the other lodged . . . in the abdominal region. . ."

The stories in today's issues are to the point with just enough information to inform the reader.

"The reader has become glutted on reported crime

today—both on the national and local front. Journalism has grown up and stepped away from the reporting standards of the earlier newspapers. The crimes are still happening in Caddo-Bossier Parish, probably the exact type as in the '20's, it's just that the newspapers are more selective as to what 'hey print,' maintains Dr. Cloud.

"VIOLENT CRIME is the same now as it was a hundred years ago. Today, though, we have more white collar crimes, city crimes, and auto crimes—in the '20's a man could have robbed a store and with a good horse gotten away. I don't think there has been a percentage increase in local crime, there has been a change though in what crimes and how many of them are printed," Dr. Cloud concludes.

Whether or not crime has increased in Caddo-Bossier Parish is a subject for another article. But research shows the reporting of local crime by The Shreveport Times and most other newspapers has decreased compared to their editions of 50 and 100 years ago.

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Campus Briefs

Ringgold Retreat

All of the Baptist Student Unions in Shreveport participated in a retreat Sept. 9-10 in Ringgold, with 15 members from the LSUS chapter attending.

The speaker was Dr. Leonard Dupree, assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, a native of Plains, Georgia who knows President Carter. Dupree assured the BSU members that Carter's religion is real.

Reports were given by the summer missionaries and Dupree spoke about Christian growth and commitments.

Chem Club

A business meeting of the Chemistry Club will be held Sept. 30, at noon in Bronson Hall, Room 338. Plans will be discussed for a party.

Scholarship Transfers

Any student holding a T.H. Harris Scholarship who wishes to transfer from one university to another, must contact the Financial Aid Office in Bronson Hall. The office must be notified by Dec. 31 for the Spring semester and by June 1 for the Fall semester.

Housing Conference

Dr. Daniel L. Butler, assistant professor of accounting, will attend a conference on urban housing to be held Monday in Dallas, Texas. It is being sponsored by the Federal Housing Administration.

Deaf-blindness session

Dr. Larry Marshman, director of the Special Education Center will attend a training session on the personal, social and emotional implications of deaf-blindness, Sept. 28-30. It is being sponsored by the Southwest Regional Deaf-Blind Center in Dallas.

Math meeting

Anita Harkness, Math instructor, will attend a National Math Educators Conference in Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The conference will emphasize teacher training.

Calendar

Friday, Sept. 23

2 and 8 p.m. FAMILY DAY—"Camelot" and "The Sword in the Stone." SLA. Rated G.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Play begins for Tennis (Mixed Doubles)

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Men's Intramural Football

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Intramural Powderpuff Football

Thursday, Sept. 29

Men's Intramural Football

Friday, Sept. 30

12 p.m. SAB Battle of the Organizations

Leadership Program

Dr. Richard Flicker, assistant professor of psychology, will participate in the initial session of the "Leadership Shreveport" program Monday and Tuesday at Centenary College. The program is being sponsored by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, the Frost Foundation and Centenary.

Attention Seniors

Any senior planning to graduate must contact Mrs. Phyllis Graham immediately for a degree checkout. Appointments can be made in the Science Building, Room 116, or by calling 865-7121 ext. 204.

Psyc Club Officers

The new officers of the Psychology Club are: Jan Finnell, president; Anne Parker, vice president; Jeanie Jenkis, secretary; and Jean Meihner, treasurer. These positions will remain the same for the remainder of the school year.

Faculty advisors are Dr. Flicker and Dr. Joseph Carlisle, assistant professors of psychology.

Grau to speak

Shirley Ann Grau, a noted novelist will speak in the SLA at 10 p.m., Nov. 2, under the auspices of the Artists and Lecturers Committee, Dr. W.A. Vekovius, assistant professor of mathematics, announced.

Grau has written for magazines such as New Yorker, Mademoiselle, and the Saturday Evening Post. She won a Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1965 for "The Keepers of the House."

Health Science Trip

A mandatory meeting of the Health Science Club will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Science Building, Room 229. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways to finance this year's trip.

Sigma Delta Chi

Seven LSUS students attended the September meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, the society of professional journalists, Monday.

Those attending included: Sam Moore, Gary Hines, Sonny McCoy, Kent Lowe, Cyndy Hill, Mona Thorne and Ken Hartley. John Tabor and Robert Russell of the communications faculty were also in attendance, as well as Lyn Sztuka, a 1977 graduate. Travis Linn, Dallas Bureau Chief of CBS was the speaker.

LSUS, The Times sponsor CJ 291 newspaper course

Asst. Prof. Danny W. McGuire will teach a fall course by newspaper named "Crime and Justice in America."

The course will be taught as Criminal Justice 291 and sponsored by LSUS and The Shreveport Times. It will consist of 15 weekly articles to be printed in The Times beginning Sunday, Oct. 2, and three on-campus sessions. Readers who complete the course will receive three hours of college credit.

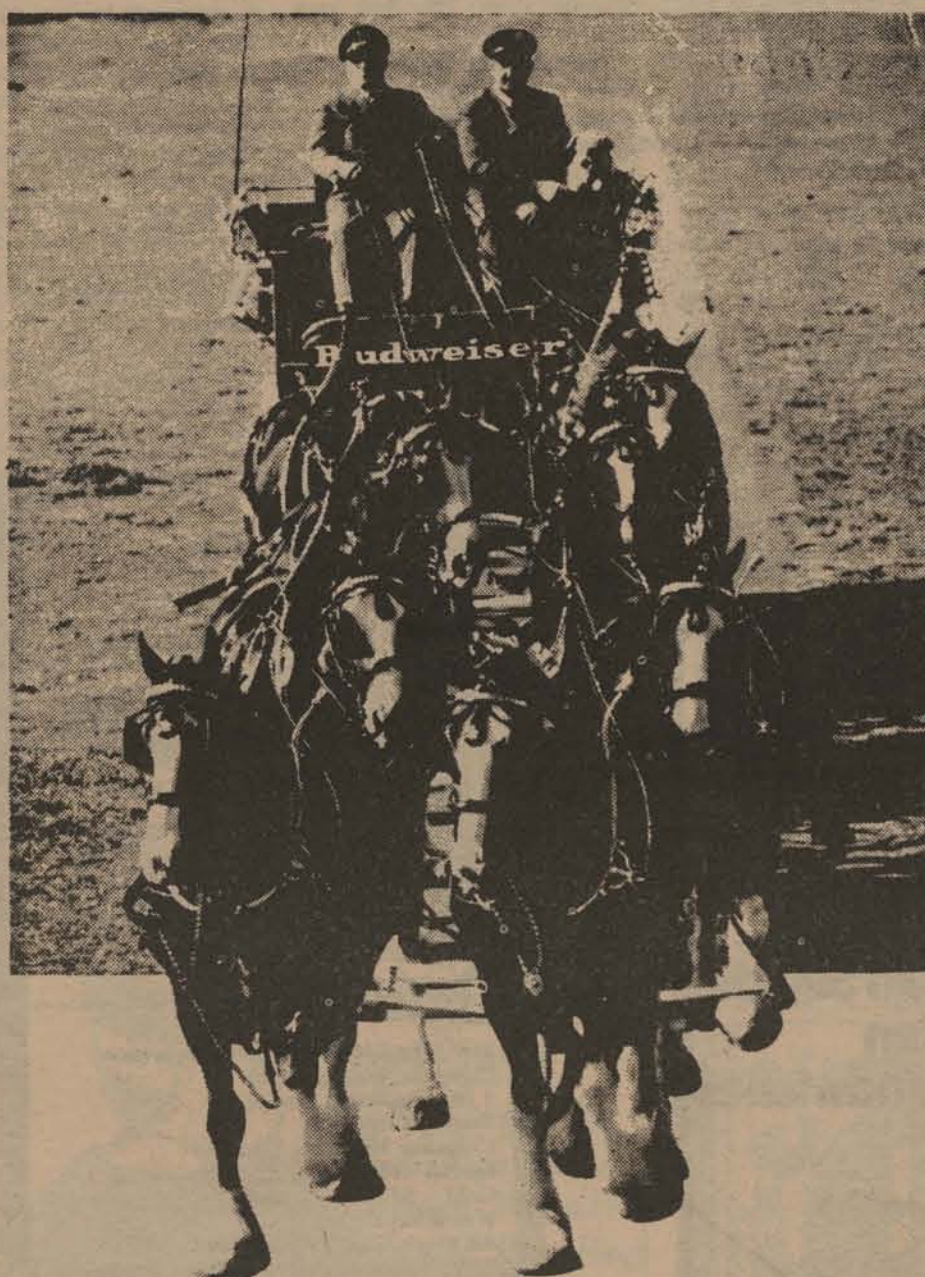
Cost of the course to full and part-time LSUS students is \$25 plus the cost of the textbook. Cost to non-students is \$55 and includes registration fees, the

course book and a study guide.

McGuire is the coordinator for the law enforcement degree programs here. He has received a master's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University where he majored in law enforcement and industrial security. He also has more than 20 years of practical experience in law enforcement as a former special agent of the Air Force Office of Special Investigation,

and is a retired lieutenant colonel.

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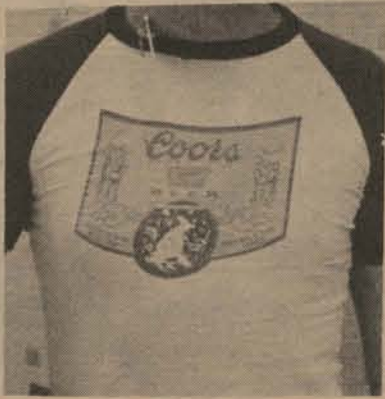
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Have you read the latest chest?



Story by Don Waitt

Billy and Jimmy Carter wear them; Farrah Fawcett-Majors, Fonzie, and Waylon Jennings are on them and Americans have stopped wearing their heart on their sleeves and have switched to wearing their phobias, emotions, prejudices, likes and dislikes on T-shirts.

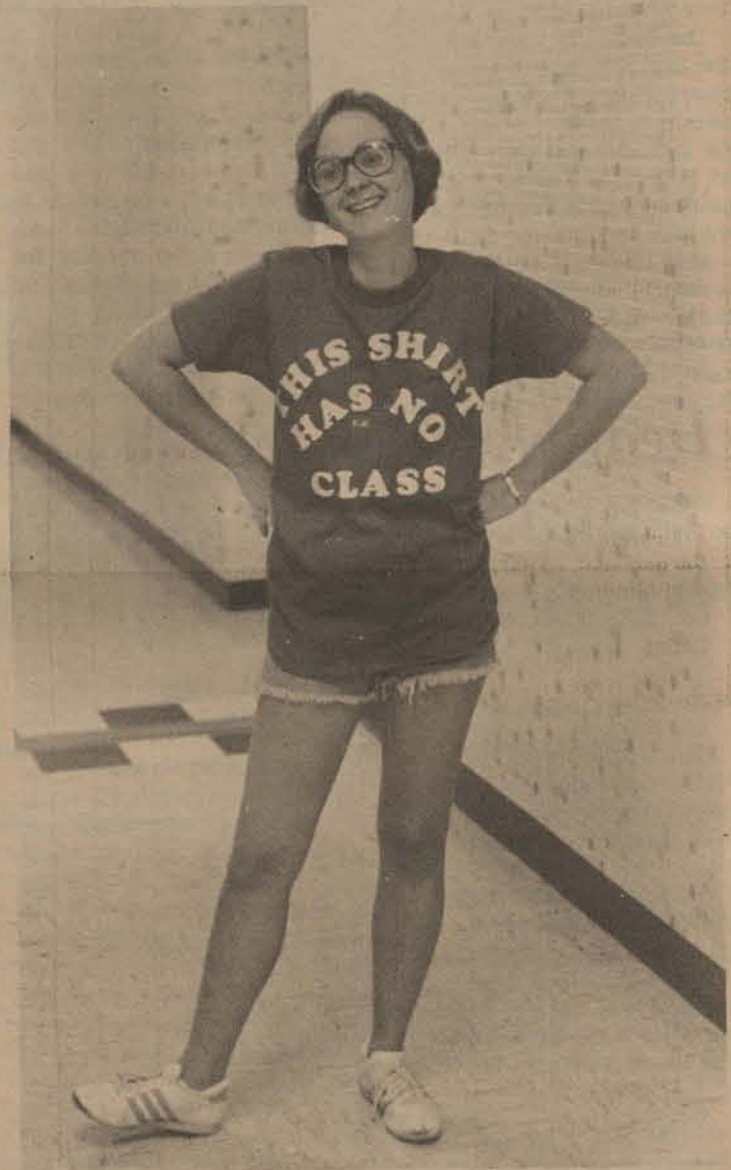
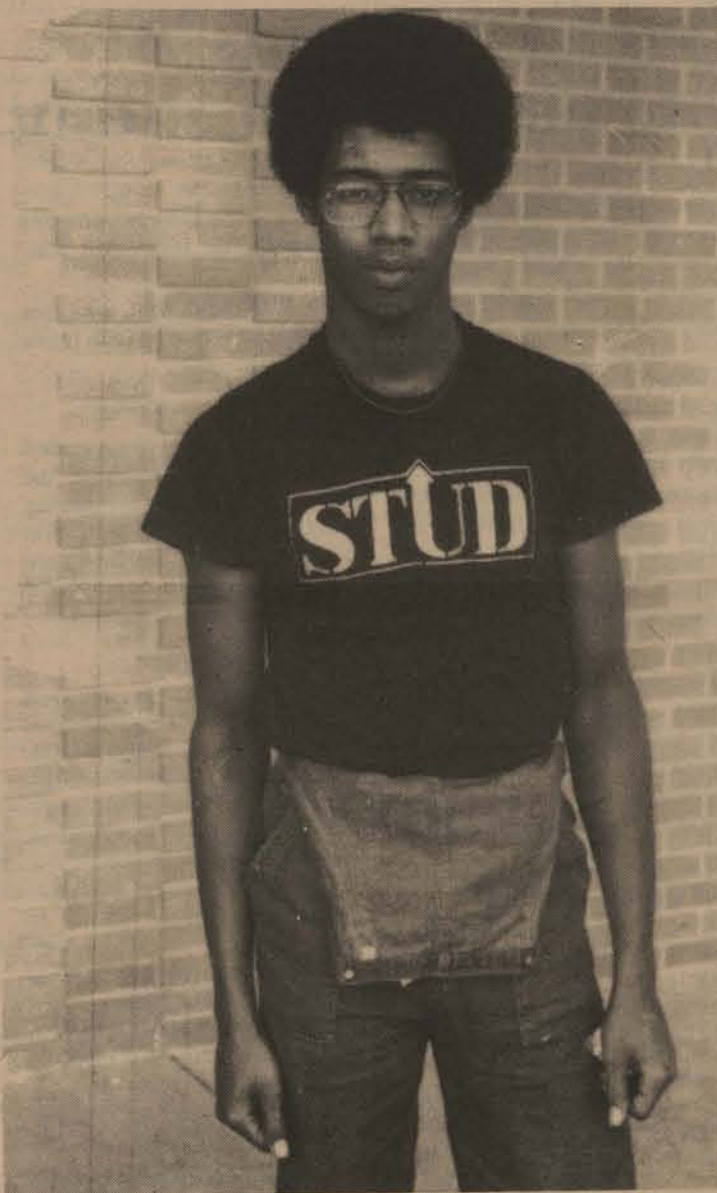
Musical interests are expressed by T-shirts bearing such groups names as Aerosmith, Bad Company, Eagles, Heart, Kiss, Led Zeppelin and the Marshall Tucker Band. Soloists are also honored with names appearing such as Dylan, Frampton, Nelson, Seger, and Streisand.

Film stars not forgotten include Bogart, Groucho, Gable, and Laurel and Hardy.

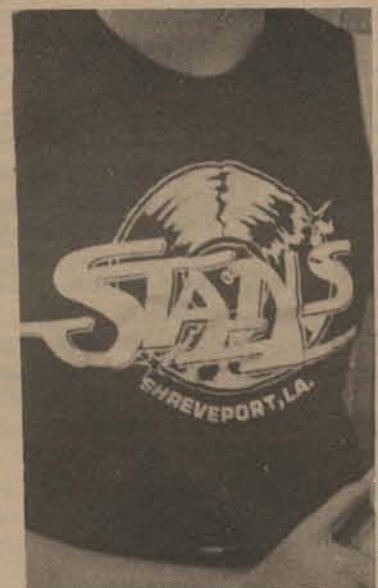
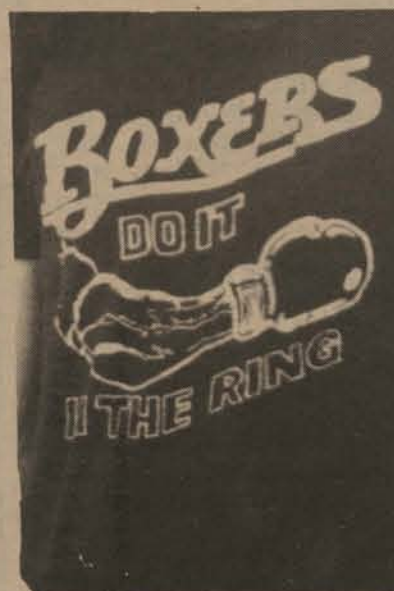
Car and motorcycle hobbies are plugged by T-shirts with names like Camaro, Corvette, Firebird, Ford, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Yamaha.

Assorted expressions include Surfing, Sworn to Fun, Tennis anyone, and Here for the beer. All these can be seen in word and/or picture form on the backs and fronts of T-shirt wearers from every walk of life.

Students at LSUS are not immune to the craze as can be witnessed by the profusion of slogans that dot every classroom. Some are cute, some vulgar, some political and some comical but they all tell a little something about the wearer.



Photos by Denise Allen and Debby Osolneek



SPORTS

Welch's, Rednecks win

by Kent Lowe

Welch's Independents, Rednecks, LSU Medical Center Freshman No. 2 and Revenge all won opening week games in the Flag Football League Sept. 15. Welch's easily defeated NAFT 34-12, Rednecks took care of Independents 8-0, Freshman had to rally in the second half to defeat KA 21-12 and Revenge had an easy victory as Friedly's Freaks failed to show.

INDEPENDENTS tried to get on the board early in their game with the Rednecks as they moved the ball down the field on their first possession. But the Rednecks defense stiffened and the Independents turned the ball over 24 yards short of paydirt.

The Rednecks came up with the big play on first down as quarterback Jerome Watson passed 44 yards to Marty Lowe for a touchdown. Watson threw to Mike Guerrero for the two-point conversion to make it 8-0 midway through the first half.

Mike Rowe and Bill Falls tried to bring Independents back as they moved inside the penetration zone but once again they couldn't push it over. Rednecks tried to get another score but the first half ran out just before they scored.

NEITHER TEAM was able to do that much in the second half

and the Rednecks were able to coast to their 8-0 victory.

Welch's dominated the first half of their game with NAFT as they took a 21-0 lead in the first half. On the second possession Welch's after a long punt return, scored on an Allen Franks to David Welch double pass to Larry Barnes. Danny Slack then tossed to Barnes for the two-point conversion to make it 9-0.

NAFT was unable to sustain a drive and Welch's got the ball back again. Franks found Steve Ferguson all alone on a 50-yard bomb to open up a 14 point margin. Welch scored near the end of the half to finish up the first-half scoring.

NAFT TRIED to come back in the second half as Steve Opperman caught a Harry Hermes pass to close the gap to 21-6. But Welch's came right back and scored on a pass from Franks to Ferguson who lateraled to Slack running down the sideline for the score. That put Welch's up 28-12. Jimmy Collingsworth scored for NAFT and Franks intercepted a pass for a TD to wrap up the Welch's scoring for the final 34-12 margin.

In the Freshman's victory over KA, the Med Center team had to rally from a 6-2 deficit at the half. The power of the

Freshman proved too much as they threw up 19 second half points to overpower a stiff KA defense.

The game saw a rare rule invoked against LSUMC. KA was awarded an automatic TD when a KA player, apparently heading for a touchdown in the official's judgement, was pushed out of bounds intentionally. Luckily for LSUMC, the play had no direct bearing on the outcome of the game.

INTRAMURAL ITEMS — The badminton and table tennis tournaments have been postponed until negotiations between LSUS and Fort Humbug have been completed.

The mixed doubles tennis tournament will be held tomorrow. Entries for the tennis doubles tournament will close Thursday, with the tournament scheduled for Oct. 1 and 2.

The top three in the tennis ladder as of Tuesday are: John Huddleston, Mike Morris and Tracy Milner.

This year a guard will be placed at the door of Fort Humbug Gym and all people entering the gym must have tennis shoes on or they will not be allowed in the building.

For more information contact either Bronson Hall, Rooms 130 or 142.



LSUMC Juniors and Misfits are shown in action from Tuesday's Flag Football League. Juniors scored 12 first-half points and hung on for a 12-6 victory. (Photo: Denise Allen)

Ted Turner puts life into baseball, yachting

Most people consider Ted Turner to be brash, arrogant and rude. But what he has done for baseball and yachting is an amazing story.

Turner became the owner of the Atlanta Braves in 1975. The Braves were a team that was deeply in debt. Attendance was sagging and the baseball team played like the old New York Mets.

FIRST, HE signed free-agent pitcher Andy Messersmith.

Messersmith's number was 24, the same number as Turner's TV station. So Turner put "Channel" on his shirt instead of Messersmith. In other words, a little ad for the station. Bowie

Kuhn quickly ordered the ad off the shirt and the first battle between Turner and Kuhn was over.

Turner, with his brash style and cheerleader antics from the

became the new Braves manager. The team still lost.

Kuhn then said that was not legal nad he would have to leave the dugout.

LATER KUHN suspended Turner from working with the team for allegedly tampering with free agent Gary Mathews. So Turner turned his attention to yachting and the America's Cup.

Turner turned a usually dull event into an exciting summer. Turner said that he would be the cup defender and his boat, the Courageous, defeated all other challenger and won the right to defend the cup.

In the final, the Courageous defeated the challenger from Australia 4-0 to keep the Cup in America. After the final victory, Turner was his usual brash self, talking about everything from his victory to "Mr. Bowie

Sports analysis

stands, began to draw the fans back to Atlanta Stadium. The team never played that great, but the fans began to enjoy coming to the games.

Turner even managed the team for a day. During an early season string, he told the managers to take a few days off and he would manage the team. He then donned a uniform and

Kuhn." At one point, during a press conference, Turner slid under the table. I have heard of being exuberant in victory, but that might be going a little too far.

Turner is a breath of fresh air in a sport scene that can sometimes be very dull. Hopefully, he will stay around for quite a few years.

NFL: Dallas and Oakland teams to beat?

by Kent Lowe and Lee Holland

This past weekend the National Football League helped prove that famous quote, "One game does not a season make."

The upsets abounded on the first football weekend, but with 13 weeks left in the season, chances are that the upset winners will return to their losing ways shortly. Here is the way the division's should stack up.

IN THE NFC East, the Dallas Cowboys should once again be the team to beat. The Cowboys pulled out their overtime victory without the help of rookie sensation Tony Dorsett who sat on the sidelines most of the game finishing with only 11 years rushing. With Roger Staubach and the tenacious Cowboy defense the Pokes will be hard to stop. Look for Washington and St. Louis to battle for the wild-card.

In the Central race, it should be a fairly easy ride to the playoffs for Minnesota. Their only competition should be from the much-improved Chicago Bears who outlasted the Detroit Lions 30-20.

THE NFC WEST should belong to the L.A. Rams. The Atlanta Falcons spoiled Joe Namath's debut defeating the Rams 17-6. Many felt the trade for Namath meant automatic Super Bowl. Chuck Knox must now make a decision between Namath and Pat Haden. If Joe is benched, and Haden performs like last season, do not expect to see Joe hang around too much longer.

For Saints fans, thoughts of a .500 season were dampened when New Orleans lost 24-20 to the Packers. For the Saints there was a silver lining in defeat. Down 24-0, the Saints scored 20 second half points. But it was a little too late.

In the AFC East, the division should be between New England and Baltimore. The Patriots and Colts meet in the final game of the year in a game that should determine the division winner.

IN THE CENTRAL Division, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh are expected to battle for the division. The biggest surprise came when Cleveland stunned the Benglas 13-3. Cleveland could be the surprise team of the year.

In the West, the team to beat (just in case you didn't know) is Oakland. Oakland showed their power Sunday as they rolled to an easy 24-0 win over San Diego. Only Denver has any shot at stopping a return to the Super Bowl.

Here are this week's picks:

Saturday

Minnesota by 20 over Tampa Bay.

Sunday

Washington 6 over Atlanta, Cincinnati 10 over Seattle, Baltimore 20 over NY Jets, St. Louis 4 over Chicago, Houston 3 over Green Bay, New Orleans 1 over Detroit, Dallas 10 over NY Giants, San Diego 3 over Kansas City, Denver 9 over Buffalo, Miami 6 over San Francisco, Oakland 1 over Pittsburgh, LA 2 over Philadelphia.

Monday

Cleveland 4 over New England. So come January, the Super Bowl contenders should be Dallas and Oakland. But there are enough good teams in the league to stop those two from making that trip to New Orleans.

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